



## Community Connect Awards – Arkansas

### 2008 Grant Awards:

**Nexus Systems, Inc.**

**Chidester, Arkansas**

**Grant Amount: \$683,009**

**Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750**

**County: Ouachita; 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

Nexus Systems, Inc. will use Rural Development funds to provide broadband service to the community of Chidester, Arkansas through a wireless network. Nexus will implement a community center in the main building of the Chidester Municipal Complex. Organizations that will receive broadband service free of charge for two years include: the town hall, police department, library, and senior citizens center.

**Almega Cable, Inc.**

**Reader, Arkansas**

**Grant Amount: \$656,454**

**Contact: Thomas Kurien, (817) 685-9588**

**County: Nevada; 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

Rural Development funds will be used to provide broadband services to the community of Reader, Arkansas through a Hybrid Fiber Coax CMTS network. The community will benefit from increased public safety, improved health care, additional educational opportunities, and economic benefits to all. The Town Hall, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, and the Reader Community Center will receive two years of free broadband access.

**Almega Cable, Inc.**

**Wabbaseka, Arkansas**

**Grant Amount: \$591,835**

**Contact: Thomas Kurien, (817) 685-9588**

**County: Jefferson; 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

Almega Cable, Inc. will be providing broadband service to Wabbaseka, Arkansas with Rural Development funding. Organizations that will receive broadband service free of charge for two years include: the Township Hall, the Police Department, the Volunteer Fire Department, the Volunteer Rescue Squad, and the Wabbaseka Community Center. Broadband services will give students of Wabbaseka research capabilities and access to potential opportunities for a higher education.

### 2007 Grant Awards:



**Nexus Systems, Inc.**

**Jerome, Arkansas**

**Grant Amount: \$ 685,091**

**Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750**

**County: Drew**

Rural Development will provide Nexus System the funding for a wireless broadband infrastructure for Jerome, Arkansas. The community center will be housed in a renovated two room school house from 1930. The school is owned by the town of Jerome, and is listed on the National Historical Registry. The Mayor's office, the Jerome Constable, and the community center will all be enjoying the benefits of free broadband access for two years.

**PC One Cable, LLC.**

**Wilmar, Arkansas**

**Grant Amount: \$406,315**

**Contact: Jim Feeney, (201) 825-9090**

**County: Drew**

Through Rural Development funds, PC One Cable, LLC will be providing broadband service to Wilmar, Arkansas. They are implementing a broadband coax infrastructure with a cable modem termination system for the broadband network. Many critical facilities will be enjoying the two (2) free years of broadband service. They include: Township Hall, Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Emergency Response Team, and the Wilmar Community Center. Wilmar children attend school in the neighboring town of Monticello, the availability of broadband will assist with daily homework assignments and research projects.